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LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Bedford (Parish Electoral Arrangements) Order 2007

Made - - - - *12th February 2007*

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2) and 1(3)

Bedford Borough Council, under section 9(a) of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997(b) (“the 1997 Act”), have made to the Electoral Commission(c) proposals dated February 2007 for electoral arrangements in the proposed parish of Great Denham(d), the proposed parish of Wyboston, Chawston and Colesden(e), and the parishes of Biddenham, Eastcotts, Kempston, Kempston Rural, Roxton and Stewartby(f) in the borough(g) of Bedford:

The Electoral Commission have decided to give effect to those proposals:

Accordingly, the Electoral Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 14(h) and 23(i) of the 1997 Act, make the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Bedford (Parish Electoral Arrangements) Order 2007.

(2) This Order, with the exception of articles 6 and 7, comes into force—

- (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of parish councillors for the parishes of Biddenham, Great Denham, Kempston Rural, Roxton, Stewartby, and Wyboston, Chawston and Colesden, to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007, on the day after that on which it is made;
- (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007.

(3) Articles 6 and 7 come into force—

- (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of parish councillors for the parishes of Eastcotts and Kempston, to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2008, on 15th October 2007;

(a) This section has been amended by the Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3962).

(b) 1997 c.29.

(c) The Electoral Commission was established by the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c.41). The functions of the Secretary of State, under sections 13, 14 and 17(4) of the 1997 Act (c.29), to the extent that they relate to electoral arrangements within the meaning of that Act, were transferred with modifications to the Electoral Commission on 1st April 2002 (S.I. 2001/3962).

(d) The parish of Great Denham was created by the Bedford (Parishes) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/334).

(e) The parish of Wyboston, Chawston and Colesden was created by S.I. 2007/334.

(f) The areas of the parishes of Biddenham, Eastcotts, Kempston, Kempston Rural, Roxton and Stewartby were altered by S.I. 2007/334.

(g) The non-metropolitan district of Bedford has the status of a borough.

(h) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962 and also otherwise in ways not relevant to this Order.

(i) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

- (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2008.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“existing”, in relation to a parish ward, means the parish ward as it exists on the date this Order is made;

“map” means the map marked “Map referred to in the Bedford (Parish Electoral Arrangements) Order 2007”, of which prints are available for inspection at the principal office of the Electoral Commission: and any reference to a numbered sheet is a reference to the sheet of the map which bears that number;

“ordinary day of election of councillors” has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983(a); and

“registration officer” means an officer appointed for the purpose of, and in accordance with, section 8(b) of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

Parish elections

3.—(1) Elections of all parish councillors for the parishes of Biddenham, Great Denham and Stewartby shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007 and 2010(c).

(2) The term of office of every parish councillor elected on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007 for those parishes shall be three years.

(3) The election of all parish councillors for the parish of Wyboston, Chawston and Colesden shall be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007(d).

(4) Elections of all parish councillors for the parish of Kempston shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2008(e).

(5) Where any provision of an Order made before the making of this Order requires an election of parish councillors for a parish mentioned in paragraphs (1) or (4) to be held on a date other than that for which paragraphs (1) and (4) provide, it shall cease to have effect to that extent.

Numbers of parish councillors for the parishes of Great Denham, Kempston Rural, Roxton, and Wyboston, Chawston and Colesden

4.—(1) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Great Denham shall be five.

(2) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Kempston Rural(f) shall be nine.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Roxton shall be seven.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Wyboston, Chawston and Colesden shall be seven.

Wards of the parishes of Biddenham and Kempston Rural

5.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Biddenham(g) shall be abolished.

(a) 1983 c.2, section 37 has been amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50) and section 17 of, and paragraphs 1 and 5 of Schedule 3 to, the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c.29).

(b) Section 8 has been amended by the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 (c.19) and the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (c.39).

(c) Article 3 provides for parish elections in the altered parishes of Biddenham and Stewartby, and the new parish of Great Denham, in 2007 and 2010. Section 16(3) of the Local Government Act 1972 (c.70) provides for parish elections to take place every four years.

(d) Article 3 also provides for the parish election in the new parish of Wyboston, Chawston and Colesden in 2007.

(e) Article 3 also provides for parish elections in the altered parish of Kempston in 2008.

(f) See the Borough of Bedford (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/4066).

(g) See the County of Bedfordshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/3245).

(2) The existing wards of the parish of Kempston Rural shall be abolished.

Wards of the parish of Eastcotts

6.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Eastcotts(**a**) shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into two wards which shall be named Cotton End and Shortstown.

(3) Each ward shall comprise the area designated on Sheet 2 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for Shortstown ward shall be ten and for Cotton End ward shall be five.

Wards of the parish of Kempston

7.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Kempston(**b**) shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into four wards which shall be named Kempston East, Kempston North, Kempston South and Kempston West.

(3) Each ward shall comprise the area designated on Sheet 3 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each of Kempston East and Kempston South wards shall be four, for Kempston North ward shall be three and for Kempston West ward shall be one.

Wards of the parish of Stewartby

8.—(1) The parish of Stewartby shall be divided into two wards which shall be named Hardwick and Village.

(2) Each ward shall comprise the area designated on Sheet 1 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for Village ward shall be eight and for Hardwick ward shall be four.

Map

9. Bedford Borough Council shall make a print of the map available for inspection at its offices by any member of the public at any reasonable time.

Electoral register

10. The registration officer for the borough of Bedford shall make such rearrangement of, or adaptation of, the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of, this Order.

(a) See S.I. 2001/4066.

(b) See S.I. 2004/3245.

Sealed with the seal of the Electoral Commission on the 12th day of February 2007



12th February 2007

Sam Younger
Chairman of the Commission

12th February 2007

Jacqui Dixon
Secretary to the Commission

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to proposals made to the Electoral Commission for electoral arrangements for the new parish of Great Denham, created from part of the existing parishes of Biddenham, Kempston and Kempston Rural, and the new parish of Wyboston, Chawston and Colesden, created from part of the existing parish of Roxton, within the borough of Bedford by the Bedford (Parishes) Order 2007, and for changes to electoral arrangements for the parishes of Biddenham, Eastcotts, Kempston, Kempston Rural, Roxton and Stewartby.

The new electoral arrangements apply in respect of parish elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007, for the parishes of Biddenham, Great Denham, Kempston Rural, Roxton, Stewartby, and Wyboston, Chawston and Colesden, and 2008, for the parishes of Eastcotts and Kempston.

Article 3 provides for parish elections in the parishes of Biddenham, Great Denham and Stewartby in 2007, 2010, and then to continue according to the established system of parish elections every four years. Article 3 also provides for the parish election in the parish of Wyboston, Chawston and Colesden in 2007, and then to continue according to the established system of parish elections every four years. Article 3 also provides for parish elections in the parish of Kempston in 2008, and then to continue according to the established system of parish elections every four years.

Article 4 specifies the numbers of parish councillors for the parishes of Kempston Rural and Roxton and the new parishes of Great Denham, and Wyboston, Chawston and Colesden.

Article 5 abolishes the existing wards of the altered parishes of Biddenham and Kempston Rural.

Article 6 abolishes the existing wards of the altered parish of Eastcotts. That article and the map also establish the names and areas of the wards of that parish and the numbers of councillors for each ward.

Article 7 abolishes the existing wards of the altered parish of Kempston. That article and the map also establish the names and areas of the wards of that parish and the numbers of councillors for each ward.

Article 8 and the map establish the names and areas of the wards of the altered parish of Stewartby and the numbers of councillors for each ward.

Article 10 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

The map defined in article 2 shows the new wards of the parishes of Eastcotts, Kempston and Stewartby. It is available at www.electoralcommission.org.uk/your-area/ParishEAOrders.cfm and, at all reasonable times, at the offices of Bedford Borough Council and at the principal office of the Electoral Commission at Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW.